MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property Name: Inventory Number PG: 76B - 62
Address: 6319 Davis Boulevard, Prince George's County - in the vicinity of Suitland
Owner: Powell, Davis A. Jr.
Tax Parcel Number: Sub. 2772 Tax Map Number: 98
Project MD 301 Agency State Highway Administration (SHA)
Site visit by SHA Staff: X no _ yes Name: Date:
Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended _X
Criteria A B C D
Is property located within a historic district? X no _ yes Name of District:
Is district listed?: X no _ yes
Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files
Description of Property and Eligibility Determination (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)
The one-story house is a vernacular expression of the Craftsman style house. The house's orientation has shifted with alterations to the house and the main entrance is located along the northwest elevation (formerly the side elevation). The original design of the house shows a front gable with a half-hipped roof intersecting the east elevation (formerly main elevation), creating a porch. The porch has been partially enclosed, creating a front-porch room that has become the entrance vestibule.
The population of Prince George's County, although limited to the county's northern areas and the areas adjacent to the Baltimore and Potomac rail lines, began to rise steadily during the late 19th and early 20th century. The county's population had climbed to over 36,000 by 1910, an increase of over 7,000 from just ten years earlier. Davis Boulevard is located off of Auth Road. Auth Road is now located along the northwest section of Andrews Air Force Base and connects Maryland Route 5 (Branch Avenue) and Maryland Route 337 (Allentown Road). The neighborhood along Auth Road is in close proximity to the nation's capital and these areas had originally been a part of Southern Maryland's agricultural heritage. The farmers closer to the urban markets of Washington began to
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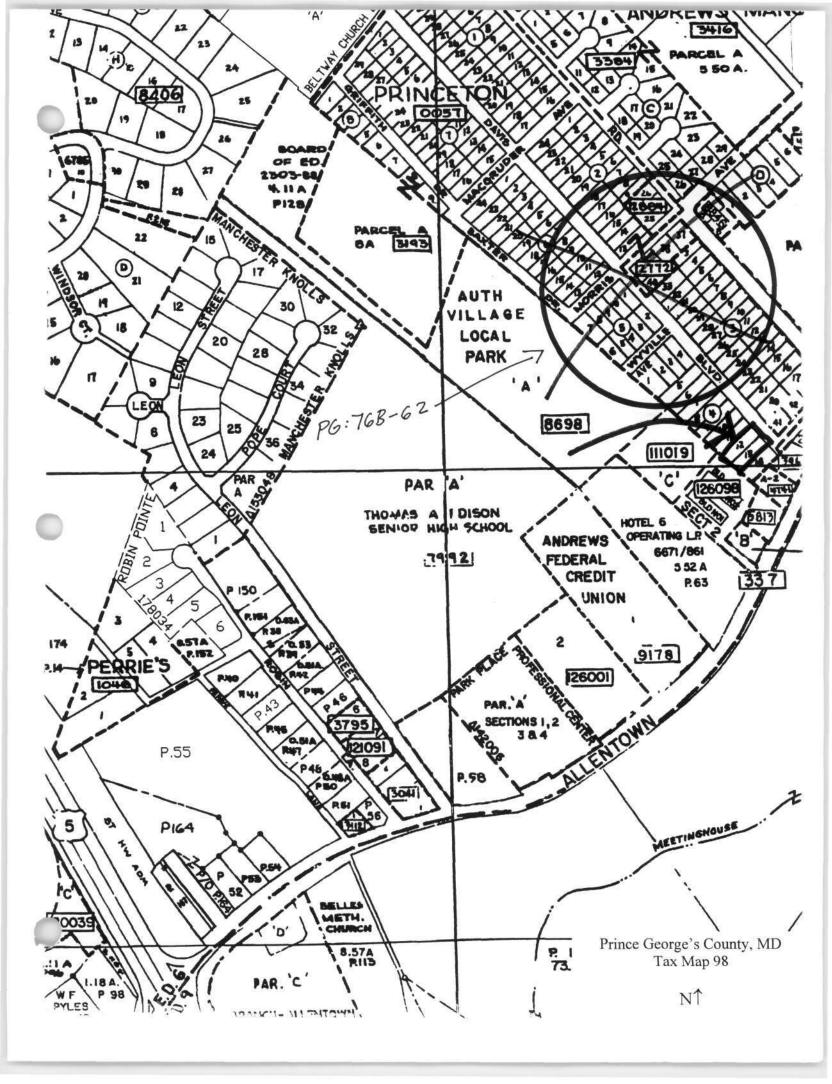
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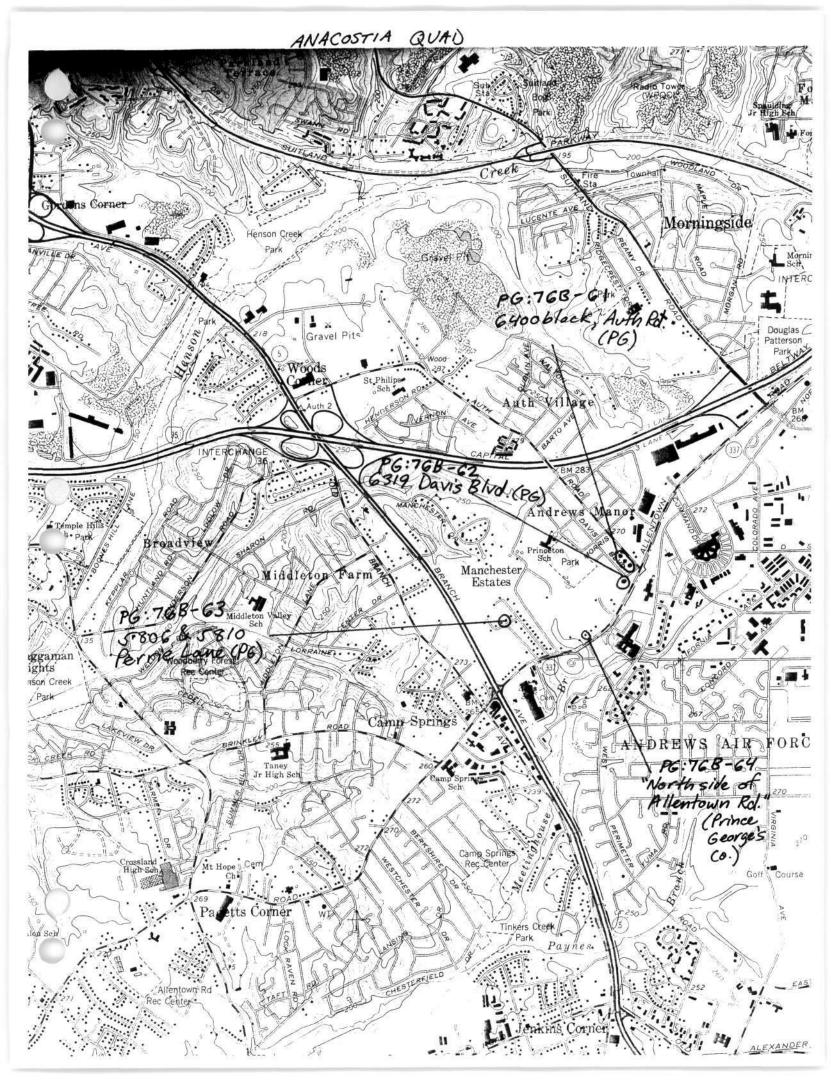
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diversify their crops and began to produce more products for the urban populations. Grains and potatoes were in demand in the cities and the access to the rail lines within Prince George's County assured the farmers' crops safe and easy delivery to the urban centers.

The pre and post World War II years in Prince George's County saw a large increase in the population due to the influx of wartime workers and the close proximity of the northern portion of the county to the nation's capital. The establishment of Andrews Air Force Base in 1942 led to both military and civilian developments. The automobile allowed expansion beyond the traditional town design and as the post-World War II era progressed, new road construction resulted in the suburbanization of the previously sparsely-settled portions of northern Prince George's County. Maryland Route 5 (Branch Avenue), constructed in 1950, served as a major artery around the western edge of Andrews Air Force Base. By 1950, Prince George's County's population had risen to 193, 799 persons, more than double the population of ten years earlier.

Built c. 1920, this house is not eligible for the National Register. While it is typical of the modest residential development constructed in the northern sections of Prince George's County prior to World War II, the resource lacks significance related to events, persons, or architecture. Criterion D, information potential, was not assessed for this study.







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